

**EXHIBIT A**  
**Acknowledgment**

I, Brendan Thorp [print or type full name], declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Confidentiality Order that was issued by the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas on ~~August 16~~<sup>September 5</sup>, 2019 in the case of *M.D. et al. v. Abbott, et al.*, No. 2:11-cv-00084. I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of the Confidentiality Order, and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt.

Date: 3/02/2020. 2019

City and State where sworn and signed: Iselin, NJ

Printed name: Brendan Thorp  
Signature: 